



- How do we understand the latest developments in Lebanon and Syria?
 - Why should we be concerned by events in the Arab World?
 - What's the linkage between home, homeland and Diasporas?

Syria, Lebanon & Arab Politics: Historical & Contextual Analysis Behind the News

Wednesday, November 16, 2005. 3-5pm
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